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SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS

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This report provides a directory of special services districts (SSDs) in Connecticut. It updates OLR Report [2011-R-0325](#).

SSDs are one type of special taxing district Connecticut law authorizes. They are also referred to as business improvement districts. Under [CGS § 7-339m](#) et seq., a municipality can form a SSD to promote the economic and general welfare of its citizens and property owners. Among other things, the district can (1) acquire and convey real and personal property; (2) provide any service that a municipality can provide, other than education; (3) recommend to the municipality's legislative body that it impose a separate tax on property in the district to support its operations; (4) borrow money for up to one year backed by district revenues; and (5) build, own, maintain, and operate public improvements. Voters in the district must approve its establishment at a referendum.

Table 1 lists the 13 SSDs by town and includes, where available, each SSDs address, contact information, and website.

Table 1: Special Services Districts

| Location | Name | Address | Phone | Website |
|-----------------|---|--|----------------|---|
| Bridgeport | Bridgeport Downtown Special Services District | 10 Middle St. Bridgeport, CT 06604 | (203) 335-3800 | http://infobridgeport.com/ |
| Danbury | City Center | 186 Main St. Danbury, CT 06810 | (203) 792-1711 | http://www.citycenterdanbury.com/about/about.htm |
| Hartford | Hartford Business Improvement District | 31 Pratt St. 5 th Floor Hartford, CT 06103 | (860) 728-2274 | http://www.hartfordbid.org/ |
| Manchester | Downtown Manchester Special Services District | 983 Main Street Suite 10 Manchester, CT 06040 | (860) 645-2101 | http://www.downtownmanchester.org/ |
| Middletown | Downtown Business District | 330 Main St. Suite 200 Middletown, CT 06457 | (860) 347-1424 | http://www.downtownmiddletown.com/default.asp |
| New Britain | Downtown District | 66 West Main St. New Britain, CT 06051 | (860) 229-0878 | http://www.newbritaindd.com/index.php |
| New Haven | Chapel West Special Services District | 1205 Chapel St. New Haven, CT 06511 | (203) 787-3000 | http://www.chapelwest.com/ |
| New Haven | Grand Avenue Special Services District | 258 Grand Ave. 2 nd Floor New Haven, CT 06513 | (203) 865-0522 | http://www.grandavenuessd.org/ |
| New Haven | Town Green District | 900 Chapel St. Suite 703 New Haven, CT 06510 | (203) 401-4245 | http://www.towngreendistrict.com/ |
| New Haven | Whalley Avenue | 300 Whalley Ave. Suite 206 New Haven, CT 06511 | (203) 776-5455 | http://www.whalleysd.org/ |
| New London | City Center District | P.O. Box 1166 New London, CT 06320 | N/A | http://nlccd.org/ |
| Stamford | Downtown Special Services District | 5 Landmark Sq. Suite 110 Stamford, CT 06901 | (203) 348-5285 | http://www.stamford-downtown.com/ |
| West Hartford | Blue Back Square Special Services District | N/A | (860) 561-7420 | N/A |